

The man who broke into Buckingham Palace

Do you know who lives in Buckingham Palace?

Vocabulary

1. wandered 2. scaled 3. scandals 4. assumed 5. trespassing 6. psychiatric

True Story

In 1982, Michael Fagan shocked Britain by breaking into Buckingham Palace. Early one morning, after drinking all night, he climbed over the palace fence, _____ a drainpipe, and entered through an open window. He _____ through the palace, even setting off alarms, but security staff _____ they were false alerts and turned them off. Then, he walked straight into the Queen's bedroom! She quickly left to call for help.

Strangely, Fagan wasn't charged because _____ wasn't a crime. Instead, he was sent to a _____ hospital. Later, he released a punk song and was arrested for other crimes. His break-in remains one of Britain's biggest security _____.

Quiz

1. What did Michael Fagan do in 1982?
2. How did Fagan enter the palace?
3. What did the security staff think about the alarms?
4. Why wasn't Fagan charged with a crime?

True or False

- | | |
|---|--------------|
| 1. Michael Fagan was charged with a serious crime. | True False |
| 2. Fagan entered the palace through a window. | True False |
| 3. The Queen called for help after Fagan entered her bedroom. | True False |

Conversation

- A: Michael, how did you get in here?
B: Just climbed a bit, Your Majesty.
A: You know this is Buckingham Palace, right?
B: I do now! Nice place you've got.
A: Security will be here soon.
B: I guess I'll be leaving then.

Discussion

1. Have you ever visited a famous building?
2. What would you do if you met a queen or king?
3. Do you like punk music?
4. Have you ever climbed something high?
5. If you couldn't be caught, what place would you break into?